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PROVISIONAL AGENDA AND ANNOTATIONS

Note by the Secretary-General

1. The forty-third session of the Human Rights Committee will be held at the United Nations Office at Geneva from 21 October to 8 November 1991. The first meeting will be convened on Monday, 21 October 1991 at 10.30 a.m.

2. In accordance with rule 6 of the rules of procedure, the Secretary-General has prepared, in consultation with the Chairman of the Committee, the attached provisional agenda for the forty-third session. Annotations to the provisional agenda are also attached.

3. Pursuant to rule 33 of the rules of procedure, the meetings of the Committee will be held in public unless the Committee decides otherwise or it appears from the relevant provisions of the Covenant or the Optional Protocol that the meetings should be held in private.

4. The attention of the States parties is drawn, in particular, to the annotations to item 4 which contain the tentative timetable for the consideration of reports at the forty-third session. In accordance with rule 68 of the rules of procedure, representatives of States parties may be present at the meetings of the Committee when their reports are examined.

5. At its forty-second session, the Committee decided that two working groups, established under rules 62 and 89 of its rules of procedure, should meet for a period of one week prior to its forty-third session. The working groups are scheduled to meet at the United Nations Office at Geneva from 14 to 18 October 1991.

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PROVISIONAL AGENDA

1. Adoption of the agenda.

2. Organizational and other matters.

3. Submission of reports by States parties under article 40 of the Covenant.

4. Consideration of reports submitted by States parties under article 40 of the Covenant.

5. Consideration of communications under the Optional Protocol to the Covenant.

6. Preparatory activities relating to the World Conference on Human Rights.

ANNOTATIONS

1. Adoption of the agenda

Under rule 8 of the rules of procedure, the first item on the provisional agenda for any session shall be the adoption of the agenda. In accordance with rule 9, during a session, the Committee may revise the agenda and may, as appropriate, defer or delete items; only urgent and important items may be added to the agenda.

2. Organizational and other matters

Under this item, the Committee will consider its programme of work for the session. In this connection, it may be noted that the Committee decided at its forty-second session to set up, in addition to the pre-sessional working group on communications, a working group under article 40 of the Covenant to prepare concise lists of issues concerning second and third periodic reports scheduled for consideration at the forty-third session; and to consider any draft general comment that may be put before it.

3. Submission of reports by States parties under article 40 of the Covenant

Reports received

In addition to the reports which are scheduled for consideration by the Committee at its forty-third session (see the timetable for consideration of reports under item 4 below), the Secretary-General has received the reports of the following States parties:

Algeria	Initial report due in 1990	(CCPR/C/62/Add.1)
Republic of Korea	Initial report due in 1991	(CCPR/C/68/Add.1)
United Republic of Tanzania	Second periodic report due in 1986	(CCPR/C/42/Add.12)
Peru	Second periodic report due in 1988	(CCPR/C/51/Add.4)
Guinea	Second periodic report due in 1989	(CCPR/C/57/Add.2)
Belgium	Second periodic report due in 1989	(CCPR/C/57/Add.3)
Luxembourg	Second periodic report due in 1989	(CCPR/C/57/Add.4)

Byelorussian SSR	Third periodic report due in 1988	(CCPR/C/52/Add.8)
Mongolia	Third periodic report due in 1990	(CCPR/C/64/Add.2)
Colombia	Third periodic report due in 1990	(CCPR/C/64/Add.3)
Uruguay	Third periodic report due in 1990	(CCPR/C/64/Add.4)
Senegal	Third periodic report due in 1990	(CCPR/C/64/Add.3)

The Secretary-General has also received supplementary reports from Kenya and the Gambia which the Committee will consider together with those States parties' second periodic reports.

Reports due

The situation with regard to the submission of reports by States parties under article 40 of the Covenant is as follows:

States parties whose reports were due by the closing date of the forty-second session (26 July 1991) but have not yet been received

Initial reports

State party	Date due	Number of reminders sent
Gabon	20 April 1984	14
Equatorial Guinea	24 December 1988	5
Ireland	7 March 1991	1
Somalia	23 April 1991	-

Second periodic reports

Libyan Arab Jamahiriya	4 February 1983	16
Iran (Islamic Republic of)	21 March 1983	16
Bulgaria	28 April 1984	15
Cyprus	18 August 1984	15
Syrian Arab Republic	18 August 1984	15
New Zealand - Cook Islands	27 March 1985	4
Gambia	21 June 1985	13
Suriname	2 August 1985	12
Venezuela	1 November 1985	12
Lebanon	21 March 1986	12
Kenya	11 April 1986	11
Mali	11 April 1986	11
Jamaica	1 August 1986	9
Netherlands Antilles	31 October 1986	3
Guyana	10 April 1987	9
Iceland	30 October 1987	8
Democratic People's Republic of Korea	13 December 1987	7
Egypt	13 April 1988	6
El Salvador	31 December 1988	5
Central African Republic	9 April 1989	4

Second periodic reports (continued)

State party	Date due	Number of reminders sent
Gabon a/	20 April 1989	4
Afghanistan	23 April 1989	4
Congo	4 January 1990	3
Zambia	9 July 1990	2
Bolivia	13 July 1990	2
Togo	23 August 1990	2
Republic of Cameroon	26 September 1990	2

Third periodic reports

Iran (Islamic Republic of) b/	21 March 1988	7
Libyan Arab Jamahiriya b/	4 February 1988	7
Lebanon b/	21 March 1988	7
Madagascar	3 August 1988	-
Yugoslavia	3 August 1988	6
Bulgaria b/	28 April 1989	4
Romania	28 April 1989	4
Cyprus b/	18 August 1989	4
Syrian Arab Republic b/	18 August 1989	4
Trinidad and Tobago	20 March 1990	3
New Zealand b/	27 March 1990	3
Gambia b/	21 June 1990	2
Mauritius	18 July 1990	2
Hungary	2 August 1990	2
Suriname b/	2 August 1990	2
Denmark	1 November 1990	2
Italy	1 November 1990	2
Venezuela b/	1 November 1990	2
El Salvador b/	28 February 1991	1
Barbados	11 April 1991	1
Kenya b/	11 April 1991	1
Mali b/	11 April 1991	1
United Republic of Tanzania	11 April 1991	-
Nicaragua	11 June 1991	-

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a/ The State party's initial report has not yet been received.

b/ The State party's second periodic report has not yet been received.

States parties whose reports are to be submitted between the closing date of the Committee's forty-second session (26 July 1991) and the closing date of its forty-third session (8 November 1991)

Initial reports

State party	Date due
Burundi	8 August 1991

Second periodic reports

Viet Nam	31 July 1991
Saint Vincent and the Grenadines	31 October 1991

Third periodic reports

Zaire	31 July 1991
Jamaica	1 August 1991
Norway	1 August 1991
Portugal	1 August 1991
Costa Rica	2 August 1991
Sri Lanka	10 September 1991
Japan	31 October 1991
Morocco	31 October 1991
Netherlands	31 October 1991
Dominican Republic	31 October 1991

4. Consideration of reports submitted by States parties under article 40 of the Covenant

A tentative timetable for the consideration of reports at the forty-third session, prepared in consultation with the Chairman and subject to approval by the Committee, is given below:

Timetable for consideration of reports of States parties

Niger (initial report)	CCPR/C/45/Add.4	Monday, p.m. Wednesday, a.m.	21 October 1991 23 October 1991
Morocco c/ (second periodic)	CCPR/C/42/Add.10	Tuesday, a.m./p.m.	22 October 1991
Austria (second periodic)	CCPR/C/51/Add.2	Thursday, a.m./p.m. Friday, a.m.	24 October 1991 25 October 1991
Poland (third periodic)	CCPR/C/58/Add.10	Monday, a.m./p.m. Tuesday, a.m.	28 October 1991 29 October 1991

c/ The Committee began its consideration of the second periodic report of Morocco at its 1032nd to 1035th meetings (fortieth session).

Timetable for consideration of reports of States parties (continued)

Iraq d/ (third periodic)	CCPR/C/64/Add.6	Wednesday, a.m./p.m. Thursday, a.m.	30 October 1991 31 October 1991
Ecuador (third periodic)	CCPR/C/58/Add.9	Wednesday, a.m./p.m. Thursday, a.m.	6 November 1991 7 November 1991

In accordance with rule 68 of the rules of procedure, the Secretary-General has informed the States parties concerned of the tentative dates on which their respective reports are scheduled for consideration by the Committee at its forty-third session.

Under this item, the Committee will also consider revised draft general comments on articles 7 and 10 of the Covenant as well as any other draft general comment that may be submitted to it by its working group.

5. Consideration of communications under the Optional Protocol to the Covenant

In accordance with the provisions of chapter XVII of the rules of procedure, the Committee will consider under this item communications which are or appear to be submitted to it under the Optional Protocol.

One hundred and fifty-five communications are pending before the Committee from earlier sessions. Forty-six cases (earlier declared admissible) may be considered for the adoption of final views, and 109 communications are pending at the pre-admissibility stage. In addition, the Committee will have before it summaries of a number of recently registered communications and summaries of new communications registered after its last session, together with an indication of any action which may have been taken by the Special Rapporteur for new communications.

In accordance with article 5, paragraph 3, of the Optional Protocol and rule 82 of the rules of procedure, this agenda item will be considered in closed meetings.

6. Preparatory activities relating to the World Conference on Human Rights

Under this item, the Committee will consider, based on a report from the Chairman on the results of the first session of the Preparatory Committee of the World Conference, any contribution that the Committee may wish to make to the second session of the Preparatory Committee.

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d/ The Committee began consideration of the third periodic report of Iraq at its 1080th to 1082nd meetings (forty-second session).